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Julia Burrows Kavounis, et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
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NETWORK METRICS

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This information disclosure statement is being filed within the following time period: before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in the International Search Report dated April 25, 2002 (a copy of which is attached) from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a counterpart International application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
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